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SUBJECT: DOCUMENTS ON SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM

¶1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A FACT PAPER ON SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM AND A CHRONOLOGY OF SELECTED TERRORIST INCIDENTS BY SYRIAN-SUPPORTED GROUPS. EARLIER VERSIONS OF BOTH DOCUMENTS WERE RELEASED TO THE PRESS ON NOVEMBER 14 AND APPEARED IN THE USIA WIRELESS FILE ON THAT DATE. BOTH DOCUMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN REVISED TO REFLECT THE HASI CONVICTION IN WEST BERLIN ON NOVEMBER 26. WE ASSUME USIS MADE APPROPRIATE USE OF THE MATERIAL APPEARING IN THE WIRELESS FILE. WE ARE SENDING THE REVISED VERSIONS SO THAT POLOFFS MAY SHARE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE DOCUMENTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS.

¶2. (BEGIN TEXT OF FACT PAPER)

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SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM: 1983-1986

NEW EVIDENCE OF SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR AND DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO LIGHT IN TWO RECENT TRIALS INCLUDING THE CONVICTION IN GREAT BRITAIN OF NIZAR HINDAWI FOR THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF AN EL AL CIVILIAN AIRPLANE WITH 375 PASSENGERS ABOARD.

SYRIA CLEARLY HAS A LONG RECORD OF INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORISM. SYRIA IS ONE OF THE "CHARTER MEMBERS" OF COUNTRIES ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S TERRORISM LIST, WHICH WAS FIRST COMPILED IN 1979. (COUNTRIES CURRENTLY ON THE LIST ARE SYRIA, LIBYA, IRAN, SOUTH YEMEN, AND CUBA.)

THE PATTERN OF SYRIAN ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF TERRORISM HAS VARIED. FROM THE MID-1970'S THROUGH 1983, SYRIAN PERSONNEL ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN TERRORIST OPERATIONS. THESE OPERATIONS WERE PRIMARILY DIRECTED AGAINST OTHER ARABS, SUCH AS SYRIAN DISSIDENTS, MODERATE ARAB STATES SUCH AS JORDAN, AND PRO-ARAFAT PALESTINIANS, AS WELL AS ISRAELI AND JEWISH TARGETS. IN 1982, FOR EXAMPLE, A CAR BOMB EXPLODED IN FRONT OF THE OFFICES OF A LEBANESE-OWNED PRO-IRAQI NEWSPAPER IN DOWNTOWN PARIS, KILLING ONE PERSON AND INJURING SCORES OF OTHERS. FRANCE LATER EXPELLED TWO SYRIAN DIPLOMATS AND ORDERED ITS AMBASSADOR HOME FOR CONSULTATIONS.

BY LATE 1983 DAMASCUS HAD CURTAILED USE OF ITS OWN PERSONNEL. INSTEAD, IT BEGAN TO RELY MORE HEAVILY ON TERRORIST GROUPS MADE UP OF NON-SYRIANS WHO HAVE BASES AND TRAINING FACILITIES IN SYRIA AND SYRIAN-OCCUPIED AREAS OF LEBANON. THE MOST NOTORIOUS OF THESE IS THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION.

AVAILABLE EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT SYRIA PREFERS TO SUPPORT GROUPS WHOSE ACTIVITIES ARE GENERALLY IN LINE WITH SYRIAN OBJECTIVES, RATHER THAN TO SELECT TARGETS OR CONTROL OPERATIONS ITSELF. DAMASCUS UTILIZES THESE GROUPS TO ATTACK OR INTIMIDATE ENEMIES AND OPPONENTS AND TO EXERT ITS INFLUENCE IN THE REGION. YET AT THE SAME TIME IT CAN DISAVOW KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR OPERATIONS. SUCH SYRIAN-SUPPORTED GROUPS HAVE CARRIED OUT SCORES OF ATTACKS AGAINST PALESTINIAN AND OTHER ARAB, TURKISH, ISRAELI AND WESTERN TARGETS DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS.

THIS YEAR, INVESTIGATIONS INTO MAJOR INCIDENTS HAVE REVEALED ANOTHER CHANGE IN SYRIAN ACTIVITIES: THAT SYRIA HAS NOT ABANDONED ITS WILLINGNESS TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS. THE BRITISH TRIAL AND INVESTIGATION OF THE ABORTIVE EL AL BOMBING EXPOSED THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF PRESIDENT ASSAD'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. AND THE WEST BERLIN TRIAL INTO THE BOMBING OF THE GERMAN-ARAB FRIENDSHIP UNION IN WEST BERLIN REVEAED THE INVOLVEMENT OF SYRIAN OFFICIALS. TO A LARGE DEGREE, SYRIA HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN COVERING ITS TRACKS. NOW, HOWEVER, IN BRITAIN AND BERLIN, EVIDENCE OF MORE DIRECT SYRIAN INVOLVEMENT HAS EMERGED.

LONDON AND BERLIN INVESTIGATIONS

IN THE BRITISH INVESTIGATION OF THE ABORTED EL AL ATTACK, HINDAWI TOLD BRITISH POLICE HE WAS RECRUITED BY HAITHAM SAID, AN AIDE TO MAJOR GENERAL AL-KHULI, CHIEF OF SYRIAN AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE. ACCORDING TO THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT THE TRIAL, AL-KHULI'S OPERATIVES: (1) SUPPLIED HINDAWI, A JORDANIAN, WITH A SYRIAN PASSPORT; (2) GAVE HIM DOLLARS 12,000 AND PROMISED HIM MORE MONEY WHEN HE COMPLETED HIS MISSION TO PLANT A BOMB ABOARD AN EL AL CIVILIAN AIRLINER; (3) PROVIDED HIM WITH THE BOMB WHICH WAS CARRIED INTO LONDON ABOARD THE SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES, WHICH ALSO GAVE HIM SAA CREW MEMBER HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS; AND (4) TRAINED HIM IN THE BOMB'S USE.

HINDAWI TRIED TO USE HIS PREGNANT GIRL FRIEND AS THE UNWITTING CARRIER OF THE SOPHISTICATED BOMB WHICH WAS BUILT INTO HER CARRY-ON BAG. IF AN ALERT SECURITY OFFICIAL HAD NOT SPOTTED THE DEVICE AFTER HER BAG CLEARED AN EARLIER CHECK, 375 INNOCENT PERSONS, INCLUDING SOME 230 AMERICANS, WOULD HAVE PERISHED.

AFTER THE APRIL 17 PLAN FAILED, ACCORDING TO EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT THE TRIAL, HINDAWI FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS TO GO TO THE SYRIAN EMBASSY, WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND HIDDEN IN A SYRIAN SAFEHOUSE IN LONDON. BRITISH PRESS REPORTS OF THE INVESTIGATION SAY BRITAIN ALSO HAS EVIDENCE THAT THE SYRIAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING IN RECRUITING HINDAWI FOR SYRIAN INTELLIGENCE.

IN WEST BERLIN, HINDAWI'S BROTHER, AHMAD HASI, AND ANOTHER ARAB, FAROUK SALAMEH, WERE CONVICTED FOR THE MARCH 29 BOMBING OF THE GERMAN-ARAB FRIENDSHIP UNION IN WEST BERLIN IN WHICH ELEVEN PERSONS WERE INJURED. IN A SWORN STATEMENT, HASI SAID HE PICKED UP THIS BOMB AT THE SYRIAN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN FROM A SENIOR SYRIAN AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HAITHAM SAEED, AND A SYRIAN EXPLOSIVES EXPERT WAS SENT FROM DAMASCUS TO REPAIR THE DEVICE AFTER IT TWICE FAILED TO EXPLODE.

ABU NIDAL

SYRIA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE MOST ACTIVE AND BRUTAL INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUP OPERATING TODAY, ABU NIDAL. (SEE NOTE BELOW) ALTHOUGH ABU NIDAL NOW ALSO RECEIVES BACKING AND SUPPORT FROM LIBYA, AND SANCTUARY IN EASTERN EUROPE, DAMASCUS HAS PROVIDED ABU NIDAL WITH IMPORTANT LOGISTICAL SUPPORT EVER SINCE THE GROUP MOVED FROM IRAQ IN 1983. SYRIA ALLOWS ABU NIDAL'S GROUP TO MAINTAIN TRAINING CAMPS IN THE LEBANESE BIQA' VALLEY, AN AREA UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SYRIAN ARMED FORCES. SYRIA PROVIDES THE GROUP WITH TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND PERMITS ITS OPERATIVES TO TRANSIT FREELY THROUGH DAMASCUS WHEN DEPARTING ON MISSIONS. SYRIA CONTINUES TO PERMIT OPERATION OF ABU NIDAL FACILITIES IN DAMASCUS. (THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT ASSERTS THAT THE SOLE FUNCTION OF THESE FACILITIES IS LIMITED TO CULTURAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS.)

ALTHOUGH LAST DECEMBER'S ROME AIRPORT ATTACK WAS COMMITTED UNDER LIBYAN SPONSORSHIP, THE SURVIVING MEMBER OF THE FOUR-MAN TERRORIST TEAM, ACCORDING TO REPORTS ON

THE ITALIAN INVESTIGATION, TOLD INVESTIGATORS THE TEAM WAS TRAINED IN SYRIAN-OCCUPIED AREAS OF LEBANON BY SYRIANS. THE TEAM THEN TRAVELED TO DAMASCUS, WHERE IT REMAINED WHILE FINAL PREPARATIONS WERE MADE FOR THE ATTACK IN WHICH 16 CIVILIANS AND 3 TERRORISTS WERE KILLED.

IN ANKARA ON NOVEMBER 6, TURKISH PROSECUTERS ISSUED AN INDICTMENT ACCUSING SIX PALESTINIANS WORKING FOR THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION OF KILLING A JORDANIAN DIPLOMAT IN JULY, 1985. THE INDICTMENT ALSO LINKED THE MEN WITH FOUR OTHER ACTIONS, INCLUDING THE SEPTEMBER 6, 1986 ATTACK ON AN ISTANBUL SYNAGOGUE, KILLING 21 PERSONS AND A 1983 ATTEMPT TO PLACE A BOMB ON AN ALITALIA FLIGHT, AND THE ATTEMPTED CAR BOMBING OF A U.S. OFFICERS CLUB IN IZMIR IN 1983.

(BEGIN NOTE) THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION IS "FATAH - REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL." IT IS HEADED BY SABRI AL-BANNA, A PALESTINIAN WHO USES THE NOM DE GUERRE ABU NIDAL. THE GROUP'S ORIGINAL NAME WAS THE BLACK JUNE ORGANIZATION WHEN IT WAS FORMED IN 1976. IRONICALLY, THIS GROUP FIRST CONCENTRATED ON SYRIAN TARGETS, INCLUDING AN ATTACK ON SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM, NOW VICE PRESIDENT, IN 1977. (END NOTE)

THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION'S MOVE TO SYRIA IN 1983 WAS FOLLOWED BY A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE GROUP'S TERRORIST ATTACKS: MORE THAN A DOZEN ATTACKS IN 1984 AND TWICE THAT NUMBER IN 1985. MORE THAN HALF OF THE 1985 ATTACKS OCCURRED IN WESTERN EUROPE, INCLUDING ATTACKS ON BRITISH TOURISTS AT HOTELS IN ATHENS. WHEN KING HUSSEIN LAUNCHED HIS FEBRUARY 1985 PEACE INITIATIVE, JORDAN BECAME A MAJOR TARGET. BUT WHEN JORDANIAN-SYRIAN RELATIONS BEGAN TO WARM IN MID-1985, ATTACKS ON JORDANIANS AT HOME AND ABROAD DIMINISHED.

IN ITS DEALINGS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES, SYRIA HAS CONSISTENTLY TRIED TO PLAY DOWN THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS CONNECTION WITH ABU NIDAL AND HAS DENIED PERMITTING HIS GROUP TO ENGAGE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT DAMASCUS HAS ACTUALLY RESTRAINED ABU NIDAL'S ACTIVITIES (ABU NIDAL TRAINING CAMPS IN THE SYRIAN-CONTROLLED BIQA' VALLEY CONTINUE TO OPERATE FOR EXAMPLE) OR CUT BACK ON OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT. ALTHOUGH IT MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT EVERY OPERATION, GIVEN THE AMOUNT AND NATURE OF SYRIAN SUPPORT, DAMASCUS COULD INFLUENCE AND CONSTRAIN THE ABU NIDAL GROUP'S ACTIVITIES IN SYRIA AND SYRIAN-CONTROLLED AREAS OF LEBANON IF IT CHOSE TO DO SO.

OTHER SYRIAN-SUPPORTED PALESTINIAN GROUPS

SYRIA ALSO PROVIDES VARYING AMOUNTS OF SUPPORT TO OTHER RADICAL PALESTINIAN GROUPS. THESE INCLUDE: SAIQA, WHICH IS UNDER TOTAL SYRIAN CONTROL; THE ABU MUSA GROUP, NOW ALMOST TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON DAMASCUS; THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE--GENERAL COMMAND (PFLP-GC); AND THE MARXIST POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP), WHICH NOW MAINTAINS ITS PRINCIPAL BASE IN DAMASCUS.

IN ALL, SYRIAN-SPONSORED GROUPS, INCLUDING THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION, WERE LINKED TO ABOUT 30 TERRORIST ATTACKS DURING 1985, A QUARTER OF THEM IN GREECE ALONE. THE ABU MUSA GROUP ANNOUNCED FROM DAMASCUS ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BOMB AN EL AL AIRLINER, IN MADRID ON JUNE 26 OF THIS YEAR. THE SUSPECT IN THAT ATTEMPT HAS ADMITTED BEING A MEMBER OF THE GROUP. TWO WEEKS LATER, OTHER GROUPS SUPPORTED BY SYRIA, THE PFLP AND THE LEBANESE SYRIAN SOCIAL NATIONALIST PARTY, ATTEMPTED AN ATTACK ON AN ISRAELI RESORT TOWN ON JULY 10, 1986.

SUPPORT FOR NON-PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS

IN ADDITION TO THE RADICAL PALESTINIAN GROUPS, A VARIETY OF OTHER TERRORISTS HAVE FACILITIES AND RECEIVED TERRORIST TRAINING IN SYRIA OR SYRIAN-CONTROLLED AREAS OF

LEBANON: THE JAPANESE RED ARMY, THE KURDISH LABOR PARTY, THE ARMENIAN SECRET ARMY FOR THE LIBERATION OF ARMENIA (ASALA), AND THE PAKISTANI AL ZULFIKAR. IN ADDITION, THE LEBANESE ARMED REVOLUTIONARY FACTION (LARF) IS BASED IN THE LEBANESE VILLAGE OF QUBAYAT, WITHIN THE AREA OF SYRIAN CONTROL IN LEBANON.

TO THESE GROUPS MUST BE ADDED THE INDIVIDUAL INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS WHO FREQUENT DAMASCUS. BRUNO BREGUET, AN ASSOCIATE OF CARLOS, THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST, WAS ARRESTED IN PARIS IN FEBRUARY 1982 FOR TRANSPORTING ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES. LATER RELEASED, HE WAS RECENTLY SIGHTED ON A FLIGHT TO DAMASCUS, MET ON ARRIVAL BY SYRIAN AUTHORITIES, AND ESCORTED THROUGH THE AIRPORT WITHOUT HAVING TO PASS THROUGH THE NORMAL CONTROLS. EVIDENCE EXISTS THAT FREDERIC ORIACH, A MILITANT MEMBER OF THE FRENCH ACTION DIRECT, SPENT JULY AND AUGUST 1986 IN DAMASCUS PURSUING IDEOLOGICAL AND MILITARY STUDIES.

CASUALTIES AND CONTROL

ATTACKS BY SYRIAN-SUPPORTED GROUPS SINCE 1983 HAVE KILLED OR WOUNDED NEARLY 500 PEOPLE.

SYRIAN-SUPPORTED GROUPS HAVE ATTACKED U.S. FACILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST OVER 10 TIMES SINCE 1983. IN JORDAN LAST YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, THE SYRIAN-SPONSORED JORDANIAN PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY ATTEMPTED TWO ANTI-U.S. ATTACKS. BOMBS WERE FOUND AT A USAID EMPLOYEE'S HOME AND AT THE AMERICAN CENTER FOR ORIENTAL STUDIES. THESE OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS OTHERS AIMED AGAINST JORDANIAN TARGETS, HAVE HALTED SINCE THE SYRIAN-JORDANIAN RAPPROCHEMENT LATE LAST YEAR--UNDERSCORING SYRIA'S ABILITY, IF IT WISHES, TO CONTROL ITS SURROGATES' ACTIVITIES AND TO SEVERELY CURB THE CAPABILITY OF THOSE TO WHOM IT PROVIDED SAFE HAVEN AND SUPPORT.

THIS HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY A TOP SYRIAN OFFICIAL WHO TRIED TO DISMISS, IN A WASHINGTON POST PRESS INTERVIEW THIS SEPTEMBER, EVIDENCE THAT ABU NIDAL'S GROUP WAS INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS. SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAROUK CHARAA SAID IN DISCUSSING THE ACTIONS OF THE ABU NIDAL GROUP: "WHOEVER KNOWS MY GOVERNMENT MUST REALIZE THAT SUCH ATTACKS COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ITS AWARENESS." (END TEXT OF FACT PAPER.)

13. (BEGIN TEXT OF CHRONOLOGY)

CHRONOLOGY OF SELECTED TERRORIST INCIDENTS BY SYRIAN-SUPPORTED GROUPS: 1983-1986

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS IS NOT INTENDED TO BE ALL-INCLUSIVE BUT IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF SYRIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN AND SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM AND TERRORIST GROUPS. THE GROUPS CITED HERE HAVE LINKS WITH SYRIA.

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26 NOVEMBER WEST BERLIN. A COURT CONVICTED TWO ARABS FOR THE MARCH 29 BOMBING OF THE GERMAN-ARAB FRIENDSHIP UNION WHICH INJURED 11 PERSONS. IN A SWORN STATEMENT ONE OF THE DEFENDENTS, AHMAD HASI, SAID HE PICKED UP THE BOMB AT THE SYRIAN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN FROM A SYRIAN AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. HASI IS A BROTHER OF NIZAR HINDAWI, WHO WAS CONVICTED IN A BRITISH COURT FOR THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF AN EL AL AIRLINER.

6 NOVEMBER TURKEY. TURKISH PROSECUTORS ISSUED AN INDICTMENT ACCUSING SIX PALESTINIANS WORKING FOR THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION OF KILLING A JORDANIAN DIPLOMAT IN JULY 1985. AN ARREST WARRANT ALSO WAS ISSUED FOR THE SYRIAN EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY, MOHAMMED DARWICHI, WHO WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL DEFENDENTS AND LEFT TURKEY. THE INDICTMENT ALSO LINKED MEMBERS OF

THE GROUP WITH FOUR OTHER ACTIONS: THE SEPTEMBER 6, 1986 ATTACK ON AN ISTANBUL SYNAGOGUE, WHICH KILLED 22 PERSONS; AN ATTEMPT TO PLACE A BOMB ON AN ALITALIA FLIGHT IN 1983; THE ATTEMPTED CAR BOMBING OF A U.S. OFFICERS' CLUB IN IZMIR IN 1983, AND THE KILLING OF A PALESTINIAN STUDENT IN ANKARA IN 1982.

- 26 JUNE MADRID. A SPANIARD ATTEMPTED TO BOARD AN EL AL FLIGHT WITH A SUITCASE BOMB, APPARENTLY WITHOUT KNOWING IT. THE SUSPECT ARRESTED BY SPANISH POLICE CARRIED A SYRIAN PASSPORT. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ABU MUSA GROUP, WHICH IS ALMOST TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON DAMASCUS, CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANTING THE BOMB, ALTHOUGH THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT DENIED INVOLVEMENT.
- 17 APRIL LONDON. EL AL SECURITY DISCOVERED A SYRIAN-MADE BOMB IN THE LUGGAGE OF AN IRISH WOMAN AS SHE ATTEMPTED TO BOARD A PLANE FOR TEL AVIV. A BRITISH COURT FOUND HER BOYFRIEND, NIZAR HINDAWI, GUILTY OF THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING, AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF SYRIAN OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE TERRORIST ACT.
- 2 MARCH WEST BANK. TWO GUNMEN ASSASSINATED THE MAYOR OF NABLUS, ZAFER AL-MASRI, A PALESTINIAN APPOINTED BY ISRAEL. BOTH THE ABU NIDAL GROUP AND THE POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF PALESTINE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
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- 27 DEC. ROME AND VIENNA. ABU NIDAL TERRORISTS SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKED EL AL TICKET COUNTERS IN THE ROME AND VIENNA AIRPORTS, KILLING MORE THAN 20 PEOPLE, INCLUDING FIVE AMERICANS, AND WOUNDING SOME 120 OTHERS. (ALTHOUGH THESE ATTACKS WERE COMMITTED UNDER LIBYAN SPONSORSHIP, REPORTS ON THE ITALIAN INVESTIGATION INDICATE THAT THE ROME TERRORIST TEAM RECEIVED TRAINING IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED AREAS OF LEBANON AND PASSED THROUGH DAMASCUS.)
- 30 SEPT. NETHERLANDS. A SMALL BOMB DAMAGED THE EL AL OFFICE OF AMSTERDAM. FATAH REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL--THE ABU NIDAL GROUP'S OFFICIAL NAME--CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 25 SEPT. ITALY. A BOMB EXPLODED IN A BRITISH AIRWAYS OFFICE IN ROME, INJURING 15 PEOPLE. POLICE ARRESTED HASSAN ITAB FLEEING THE SCENE. ITAB CLAIMED HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF SOCIALIST MOSLEMS, AN ABU NIDAL "COVER" NAME, AND WAS LATER IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES AS THE SAME MAN WHO THREW A GRENADE AT THE JORDANIAN AIRLINE OFFICE IN ATHENS IN MARCH.
- 18 SEPT. GREECE. MICHEL NIMRI, A JORDANIAN MAGAZINE PUBLISHER AND REPORTEDLY A PERSONAL FRIEND OF YASSIR ARAFAT, WAS ASSASSINATED IN ATHENS. BLACK SEPTEMBER, A NAME USED BY THE ABU NIDAL GROUP, CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY THE NEXT DAY.
- 16 SEPT. ITALY. A GRENADE ATTACK ON A ROME SIDEWALK CAFE INJURED 38 TOURISTS, INCLUDING NINE AMERICANS. POLICE ARRESTED A PALESTINIAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTACK. THE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF SOCIALIST MOSLEMS, ANOTHER SYRIAN-LINKED GROUP, CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY ON 19 SEPTEMBER.
- 3 SEPT. GREECE. TERRORISTS THREW HAND GRENADES THAT WOUNDED 19 BRITISH TOURISTS AT THE GLYFADA HOTEL IN ATHENS. BLACK SEPTEMBER CLAIMED THE ATTACK WAS TO PRESSURE THE GREEK AUTHORITIES TO RELEASE A MAN ARRESTED NEAR THE JORDANIAN EMBASSY ON 31 AUGUST.

- 31 AUGUST GREECE. POLICE ARRESTED A HEAVILY ARMED MAN NEAR THE JORDANIAN EMBASSY IN ATHENS. SAMIR SALAMEH ACKNOWLEDGED MEMBERSHIP IN BLACK SEPTEMBER AND CLAIMED HE PLANNED TO ASSASSINATE THE JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR.
- 8 AUGUST GREECE. A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE KITCHEN OF THE LONDON HOTEL IN ATHENS, INJURING 13 PEOPLE--NINE OF THEM BRITISH SUBJECTS. THE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF SOCIALIST MOSLEMS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY, CONTENDING THE HOTEL WAS A "HIDEOUT" FOR BRITISH SPIES.
- 24 JULY TURKEY. THE FIRST SECRETARY AT THE JORDANIAN EMBASSY IN ANKARA WAS ASSASSINATED BY A LONE GUNMAN. THE INCIDENT WAS CLAIMED BY BLACK SEPTEMBER.
- 11 JULY KUWAIT. TWO BOMBS EXPLODED WITHIN MINUTES OF EACH OTHER KILLING EIGHT PEOPLE AND INJURING 89 IN TWO CAFES ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS APART. THE ARAB REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 1 JULY SPAIN. A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE BRITISH AIRWAYS TICKET OFFICE IN MADRID, ALSO DAMAGING THE TWA OFFICE UPSTAIRS. THE ALIA ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINES TICKET OFFICE NEARBY WAS HIT BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AND TWO GRENADES THAT FAILED TO EXPLODE. ONE PERSON WAS KILLED AND 27 WERE WOUNDED. CLAIMED BY ORGANIZATION OF THE OPPRESSED, REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF SOCIALIST MOSLEMS, AND BLACK SEPTEMBER.
- 4 APRIL GREECE. A ROCKET WAS FIRED AT A JORDANIAN AIRLINER AS IT WAS TAKING OFF FROM ATHENS AIRPORT. THE PROJECTILE HIT THE PLAN BUT DID NOT EXPLODE. BLACK SEPTEMBER CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 3 APRIL ITALY. A ROCKET NARROWLY MISSED THE JORDANIAN EMBASSY ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF AN OFFICE BUILDING IN ROME. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. BLACK SEPTEMBER CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 21 MARCH ITALY. THREE UNIDENTIFIED MEN THREW HAND GRENADES INTO A JORDANIAN AIRLINE OFFICE IN ROME, INJURING TWO PEOPLE. BLACK SEPTEMBER CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 21 MARCH GREECE. AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN THREW A HAND GRENADE INTO THE JORDANIAN AIRLINE OFFICE IN ATHENS, INJURING THREE PEOPLE. CLAIMED BY BLACK SEPTEMBER. (SEE SEPTEMBER 25, 1985 INCIDENT.)
- 21 MARCH CYPRUS. AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN THREW TWO HAND GRENADES INTO THE JORDANIAN AIRLINE OFFICE IN NICOSIA. CLAIMED BY BLACK SEPTEMBER.
- 9 MARCH UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. A BOMB WAS FOUND ON A JORDANIAN AIRLINER. THE YOUNG PALESTINIAN WHO CARRIED THE BOMB ONTO THE KARACHI-TO-AMMAN FLIGHT SAID HE THOUGHT HE WAS TRANSPORTING DRUGS TO SUPPORT ABU NIDAL TERRORIST OPERATIONS.
- 22 FEB. JORDAN. THE JORDANIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY PLACED A BOMB AT THE AMERICAN CENTER FOR ORIENTAL RESEARCH IN AMMAN. THE BOMB WAS FOUND AND DEFUSED.
- 10 JAN. JORDAN. A BOMB PLANTED BY THE JORDANIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY WAS DEFUSED NEAR A USAID EMPLOYEE'S HOME. THE EXPLOSIVES HAD NEITHER A POWER SOURCE NOR A TIMING DEVICE.

29 DEC. JORDAN. TWO UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN ASSASSINATED FAH AL-QAWASMEH, A MEMBER OF THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND FORMER MAYOR OF HEBRON, OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN AMMAN. TWO WITNESSES TO THE SHOOTING WERE INJURED BY GUNFIRE AS THEY TRIED TO BLOCK THE ASSASSINS' FLEEING VEHICLE. BLACK SEPTEMBER CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.

14 DEC. ITALY. ISMAIL DARWISH, A LEADING MILITARY FIGURE IN THE FATAH MOVEMENT, WAS GUNNED DOWN ON A ROME STREET BY AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN WHO FLED ON A WAITING MOTOR SCOOTER. ARAB REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.

4 DEC. ROMANIA. THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE JORDANIAN EMBASSY WAS SHOT AND KILLED AS HE WAS GETTING INTO HIS CAR IN BUCHAREST. BLACK SEPTEMBER CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.

2 DEC. JORDAN. A GUARD DISCOVERED A BOMB CONCEALED IN AN ATTACHE CASE INSIDE THE AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE AND CITIBANK BUILDING IN AMMAN. BOMB TECHNICIANS DEFUSED THE DEVICE, WHICH CONTAINED 18 BLOCKS OF TNT AND A TIMER. THE JORDANIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY WAS LATER DETERMINED TO BE RESPONSIBLE.

4 OCT. CYPRUS. A CAR BOMB EXPLODED BEHIND THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN NICOSIA, SLIGHTLY INJURING ONE PERSON. CLAIMED BY ABU MUSA'S FATAH DISSIDENT ORGANIZATION.

13 AUGUST JORDAN. JORDANIAN POLICE DEFUSED A BOMB CONSISTING OF SEVERAL HUNDRED GRAMS OF SOVIET-MADE EXPLOSIVES NEAR THE RESIDENCE OF A US EMBASSY OFFICIAL. THE JORDANIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY WAS LATER DETERMINED TO BE RESPONSIBLE.

11 AUGUST JORDAN. MEMBERS OF THE JORDANIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY TRIED TO SET OFF A BOMB OUTSIDE THE JORDAN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATION. THE BOMB WAS DISCOVERED AND DEFUSED.

3 AUGUST JORDAN. A BOMB EXPLODED UNDER A WATER TRUCK PARKED NEAR THE U.S. EMBASSY WAREHOUSE IN AMMAN. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND ONLY MINOR DAMAGE. THE ABU NIDAL GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.

29 MAY CYPRUS. A FORMER SAIQA OFFICER WHO HAD SWITCHED HIS ALLEGIANCE TO ARAFAT, ABDULLAH AHMAD SULEIMAN EL SAADI, WAS MURDERED IN LIMASSOL. FOUR SYRIAN MEN AND TWO WOMEN WERE ARRESTED FOR THE MURDER AND SUBSEQUENTLY DEPORTED FROM CYPRUS.

3 MAY CYPRUS. AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN SHOT AND KILLED PALESTINIAN PUBLISHER HANNA MUQBIL AND WOUNDED HIS SECRETARY IN NICOSIA. MUQBIL WAS REPORTEDLY A FORMER MEMBER OF ABU NIDAL WHO HAD DEFECTED TO ARAFAT'S CAMP.

24 MARCH JORDAN. A BOMB WAS DEFUSED OUTSIDE THE BRITISH CONSULATE IN AMMAN. THE ABU NIDAL GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.

24 MARCH JORDAN. A BOMB WAS DISCOVERED AND DEFUSED OUTSIDE THE BRITISH CULTURAL CENTER. THE ABU NIDAL GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.

24 MARCH JORDAN. A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, WHICH IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY, DAMAGING TWO VEHICLES AND SLIGHTLY INJURING A USAID EMPLOYEE AND HIS DAUGHTER. A SECOND BOMB WAS DISCOVERED IN THE PARKING LOT AND DEFUSED. THE ABU NIDAL GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.

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- 29 DEC. SPAIN. TWO JORDANIAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WERE ATTACKED BY A LONE GUNMAN AS THEY WERE LEAVING THE EMBASSY. WALID JAMAL BALKIS WAS KILLED INSTANTLY, AND IBRAHIM SAMI MOHAMMED WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. THE ARAB REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 19 DEC. TURKEY. A CAR BOMB WAS DISCOVERED IN AN ABANDONED RENTAL CAR MIDWAY BETWEEN THE FRENCH CULTURAL HOUSE AND THE CORDON HOTEL USED BY AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN IZMIR. THE BOMB'S TIMER APPARENTLY MALFUNCTIONED. TURKISH POLICE LINKED THE ABU NIDAL GROUP AND SYRIAN AGENTS TO THE INCIDENT.
- 7 NOV. GREECE. TWO SECURITY GUARDS OF THE JORDANIAN EMBASSY WERE WOUNDED ON A CROWDED STREET IN ATHENS. ONE OF THE TWO VICTIMS DIED FROM HIS WOUNDS. THE ARAB REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 26 OCT. ITALY. THE JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN AND HIS DRIVER WERE WOUNDED IN AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT IN ROME. THE ARAB REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 25 OCT. INDIA. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR WOUNDED BY AN UNKNOWN ASSAILANT IN NEW DELHI. CLAIMED BY THE ARAB REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES.
- 13 OCT. JORDAN. TWO HAND GRENADES WERE THROWN INTO A POLICE BARRACKS IN AMMAN. A MEMBER OF THE POLICE RECRUITED BY SAIQA CONFESSED TO THE ATTACK. LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUSPECTED THAT ABU NIDAL ELEMENTS MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.
- 21 AUGUST GREECE. A HIGH-LEVEL PLO OFFICIAL, MA'MUM MURAYSH, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN ON A MOTORCYCLE. THE VICTIM'S SON AND HIS DRIVER WERE WOUNDED. THE MOVEMENT FOR REBUILDING FATAH CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 10 APRIL PORTUGAL. THE PLO OBSERVER TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIALISTS, ISAM AL-SARTAWI, WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN A HOTEL LOBBY. SARTAWI'S SECRETARY WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK. THE ABU NIDAL GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 1 JANUARY ISRAEL. A GRENADE ATTACK ON A CIVILIAN BUS IN TEL AVIV INJURED 12. BOTH SAIQA AND ABU NIDAL CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.

(END TEXT OF CHRONOLOGY.)

14. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED FOR BEIRUT, KABUL, MOSCOW, AND LENINGRAD.

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